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殺人事件の犯人は……

幽霊なのか、それとも人か…

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ニートの天野は、幽霊塔と呼ばれる時計塔で
白い何者かに襲われ死の寸前、
謎の美青年・テツオに救われる。
テツオ曰く「幽霊塔の財宝探しを手伝えば、金も名誉も手に入る」。
しかし、テツオの正体は……

その塔は、
明日の希望を刻む。
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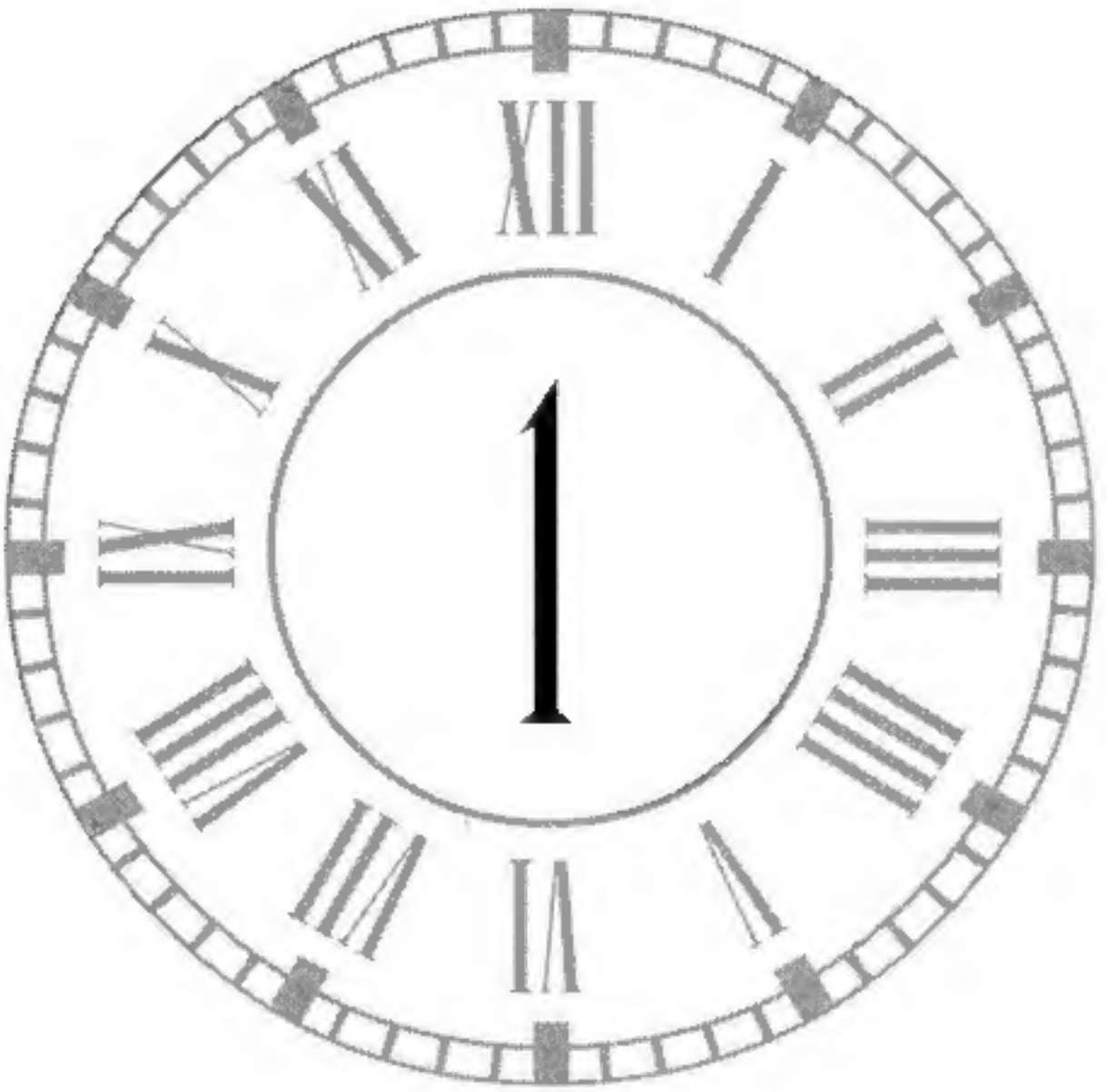

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THE CLOCK TOWER WHICH HASN'T MOVED FOR HUNDREDS OF DECADES

第1幕 幽霊の塔

HAS MOVED ONLY ONCE, ON A NIGHT TWO YEARS AGO

CHAPTER 1: THE GHOST TOWER

THE 23RD OF JUNE 1952, 23:53
THAT WAS THE NIGHT ON WHICH FUJIMIYA TATSU (60) WAS BRUTALLY MURDERED BY HER ADOPTIVE DAUGHTER RIKA(23)

YEAR 1954, KOBE

I'LL HAVE YOU PAY THAT RENT MONEY TODAY.

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS!

AMANO WENT OUT.

- I'M JUST A FRIEND

AMANO-SAN" OPEN UP

THIS IS THE LAND LADY

WHAT

THIS ROOM REEKS OF MOLD

ARGH

FAILE

HAYASHI SAYS

YOU'RE JUST LIKE A BAT, SLEEPING DURING THE DAY AND WAKING UP AT NIGHT.

GYN THE WINDOW SHUT

ENTER-ING SOME-ONE'S ROOM JUST LIKE THAT...

YOU CAN'T DO THAT LADY!

WHAT WERE THEY DOING ALL NIGHT LONG, HMM...AND IT GOT DIRTY ALREADY

WELL, WELL, WHAT'S THIS, THE HAUNTED GHOST TOWER

YOU KEEP BUYING THESE DIRTY KASUTORI MAGA-ZINES

TOO LATE. I ALR-EADY SAW IT

SOME-ONE ELSE'S ROOM ?

SAY THAT AFTER PAYING THE RENT!

BUT ALL GUYS GET DIRTY OVER THE YEARS~

BAM

BAM

YOU WERE SO SWEET AND INNOCENT WHEN YOU FIRST CAME HERE AT YOUR SIX-TEENTH,

THAT'S DIS-GUST-ING!!

I'M NOT!

AND GO EARN THAT RENTAL MONEY ALREADY

THEN HURRY UP AND GET DRESSED

ARE YOU TRYING TO GET ME INTO BED WITH YOU!?

AH, THAT'S SO LEWD

AH, NO WAY

COULD IT BE...

. . . . !

HURRY UP AND HIDE THOSE HAIRY LEGS OF YOURS !

WHY ARE YOU SHOWI NG THEM OFF!?

パン

IT'S BEEN A WHILE,

SINCE I LAST WENT TO TOWN

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I'LL BE GIVING AWAY MY VIRGINITY TO THAT OLD WOMAN.

IF I DO THAT,

IF I DO THAT I WON'T HAVE TO PAY THE RENT, BUT...

TO SEDUCE THE OLD LADY HUM...

I WANT TO DRINK SOME TEA BUT I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY...

THE SUN-LIGHT IS HURT-ING MY EYES.

THAT'S ABSOL-UTELY OUT OF THE QUES-TION!!

UNEXPECT-EDLY, THE MARKET IS FULL OF THEM

I CAN'T GIVE YOU MUCH FOR THESE

THAT LOOKED LIKE THEY COULD SELL

I SOLD OUT ALMOST ALL THE RARE BOOKS.

AMANO-KUN?
I'LL JUST SLOWLY READ THIS WHEN I GET BACK
I WOULD-NT HAVE ENOUGH TO PAY THE RENT ANYWAY.
WELL NOT THAT IT MAT-TERS,
OPENING ALL THE MONEY I GOT ON "TAXIDER-MIST M'S SECRET" AND "SHOUNEN"!
...I ENDED UP-

SHE HAS BECOME A FINE LADY...

N-NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN. ..!!

YOUR STEPFA-THER WAS A SCHOLAR, SO YOU MUST BE DOING SOME SORT OF RESEARCH OR SOMETHING, AM I RIGHT?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

MY MOTHER KEEPS TELLING ME I'M FALLING BEHIND WITH LIFE BECAUSE OF IT.

I SOMEHOW GOT EMPLOYED AT THIS SASSY NEWS AGENCY

S-SOME-THING LIKE THAT... HAHA.

AND YOU?

OUR HIGH SCHOOL'S MADONNA, HANAZO-NO-SAN!!

WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER FOR WHAT? 10 YEARS?

I KNEW IT WAS YOU.

AH, YOU MUST BE...!!

:
:
:
!!

A CHANCE MEETING THAT WILL DEVELOP IN A WON-DERFUL RELATION-SHIP-

... COULD THIS BE...

I THOUGHT SHE ALREADY BECAME SOMEONE'S WIFE BUT,

SHE'S STILL SING-LE?

IT'S MIMURA, DO YOU REMEMBER HIM?

BUT, I FINALLY FOUND MY FUTURE HUSBAND -

MIMURA ELEM?

THIS REALLY IS AN UNEXPECTED MEETING

AMANO HUH.

THAT MIMURA ?

THE RICH BULLY -

I WAS ENVIOUS OF YOU, BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS GOT EVERY ISSUE OF SHOUNEN MAGZINE.

MIMURA -KUN,

WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO GO LOOK FOR OUR RINGS

.....

SEE YOU AROUND AMNO-KUN

HAVE IT ALL NOW.

YOU REAL-LY,

I WILL ALSO GET MARRIED SOON!

I WILL—

LAST YEAR MY UNCLE DIED, SO I INHERITED SOME MONEY, AND NOW I'M INVESTING IT

A-AND

A-AND, OH YEAH, SHE'S SOMEHOW MYSTERI-OUS.

SHE'S A VERY PRETTY GIRL...

I HAVE A LOT OF TIME SINCE I'M LEADING A HIGH-CLASS UNEM-PLOYED LIFE

SO MAKE SURE YOU INVITE ME TO THE WEDDING !!

WELL THEN, GIVE ME YOUR PHONE NUMBER.

I DON'T HAVE ONE...

.....

ALL I HAVE IS THE OLD LADY'S PHONE NUMBER

AMANO-SAMA

I HAVE COME TO PICK YOU UP.

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HA?

YEAH

YE-

.....

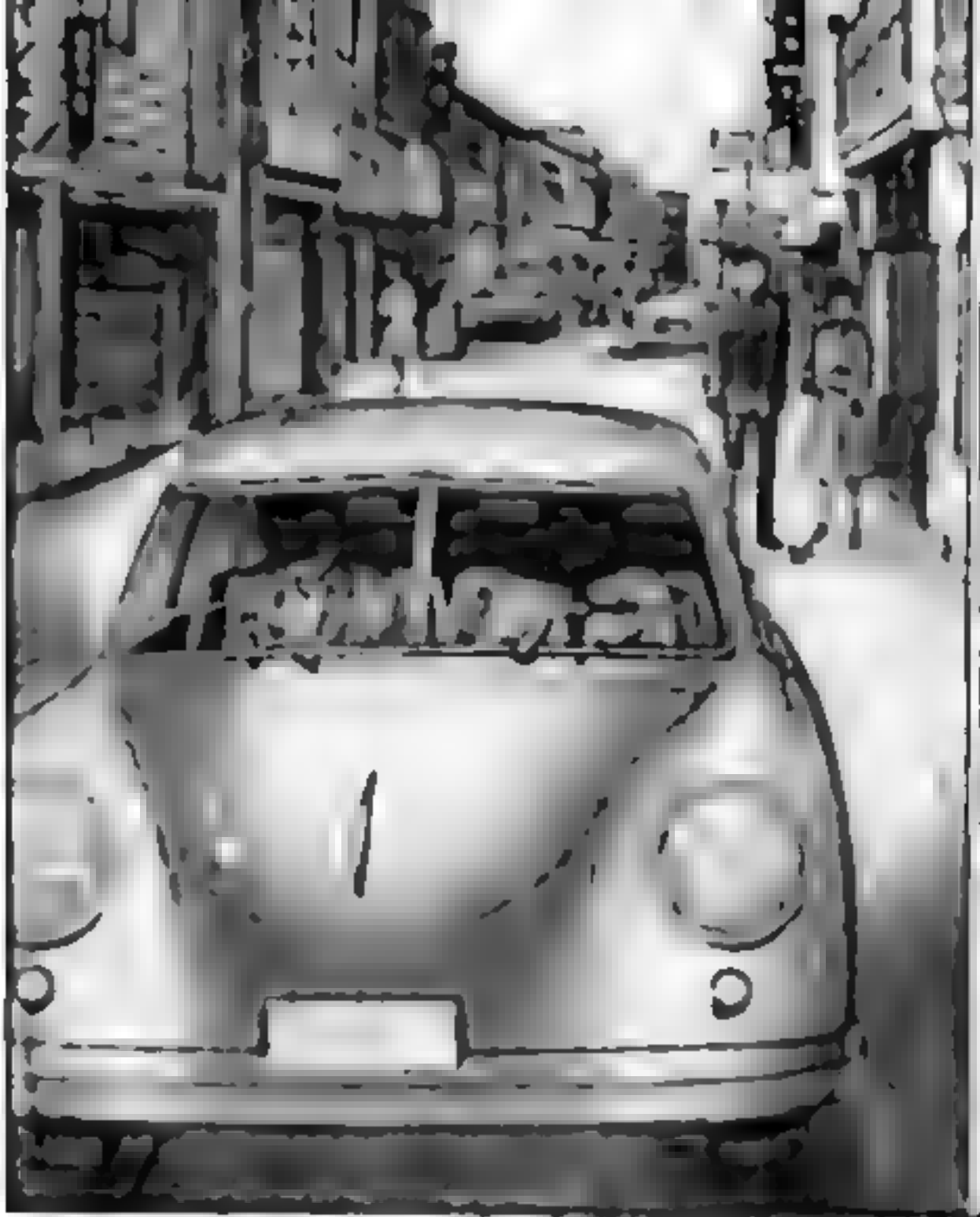
.....

I WILL FORWARD ALL MESSAGES TO HIM

YOU CAN CONTACT HIM THROUGH THIS NUMBER.

YOU HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF ENGAGEMENT GIFT SCHEDULED AT 2 O'CLOCK

TAKAKO SAMA IS AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL



...
BUT,

YOU REALLY SAVED ME BACK THERE
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE BUT-

THANK YOU.

THIS IS THE BEST I'VE GOT.

.....

THEY'RE ALL MY STEPFATHER'S HAND-ME-DOWNS

AN OVER-SIZED JACKET

DIRTY SHOES,

SINCE YOU HELPED ME,

YOU ALSO THOUGHT OF MY STORY AS A BUNCH OF LIES.

ISN'T ALL THAT BAD.

TAXIDER-MIST M'S SECRET

WRIN-KLED SHIRT.

NOT EVEN FRIENDS,

I DON'T EVEN HAVE A JOB,

I HAVE NO MONEY,

NO LOVER,

NOR FAMILY ...

I CAN'T BE COMPARED TO A RICH PERSON.

IN THE END,

HELL,

I DON'T EVEN LOOK GOOD.

I HAVE ALREADY REACHED THE AGE, WHERE I CAN NO LONGER CHANGE.

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THE GHOST TOWER.

THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A MANAGER HERE.

I'LL TELL YOU NOW,

I THOUGHT OF APPLYING FOR THE POSITION BUT I'LL LET YOU HAVE IT.

WHY DID YOU BRING ME HERE?

IT'S OFTEN MENTIONED IN KASUTORI MAGAZINES, SO IT BECAME FAMOUS.

IF YOU'RE ALL RIGHT WITH THAT, GO TO THE MANAGERS OFFICE AT THE BACK. THERE SHOULD STILL BE SOMEONE LEFT THERE.

THERE'S A RUMOR GOING AROUND THAT THE GHOST OF AN OLD WOMAN APPEARS HERE.

THANK YOU.

THAT'S WHY ALL THE MANAGERS QUIT.

I GUESS I'LL JUST WALK.

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET BACK...

OH SHIT!

I'M GLAD AMANDA WENT OUT TODAY

A MAN IS BAD LUCK.

IT WAS ARSON

THE FIRE SQUAD JUST LIKE THAT!

THAT GUY ALWAYS SLEEPS AT THIS TIME...

ON THE NIGHT ON WHICH THE OLD WOMAN GOT KILLED.

THE CLOCK THAT ONLY MOVED ONCE,

SO THE MURDERER WAS SOMEONE,

WHO KNEW HOW IT WORKS

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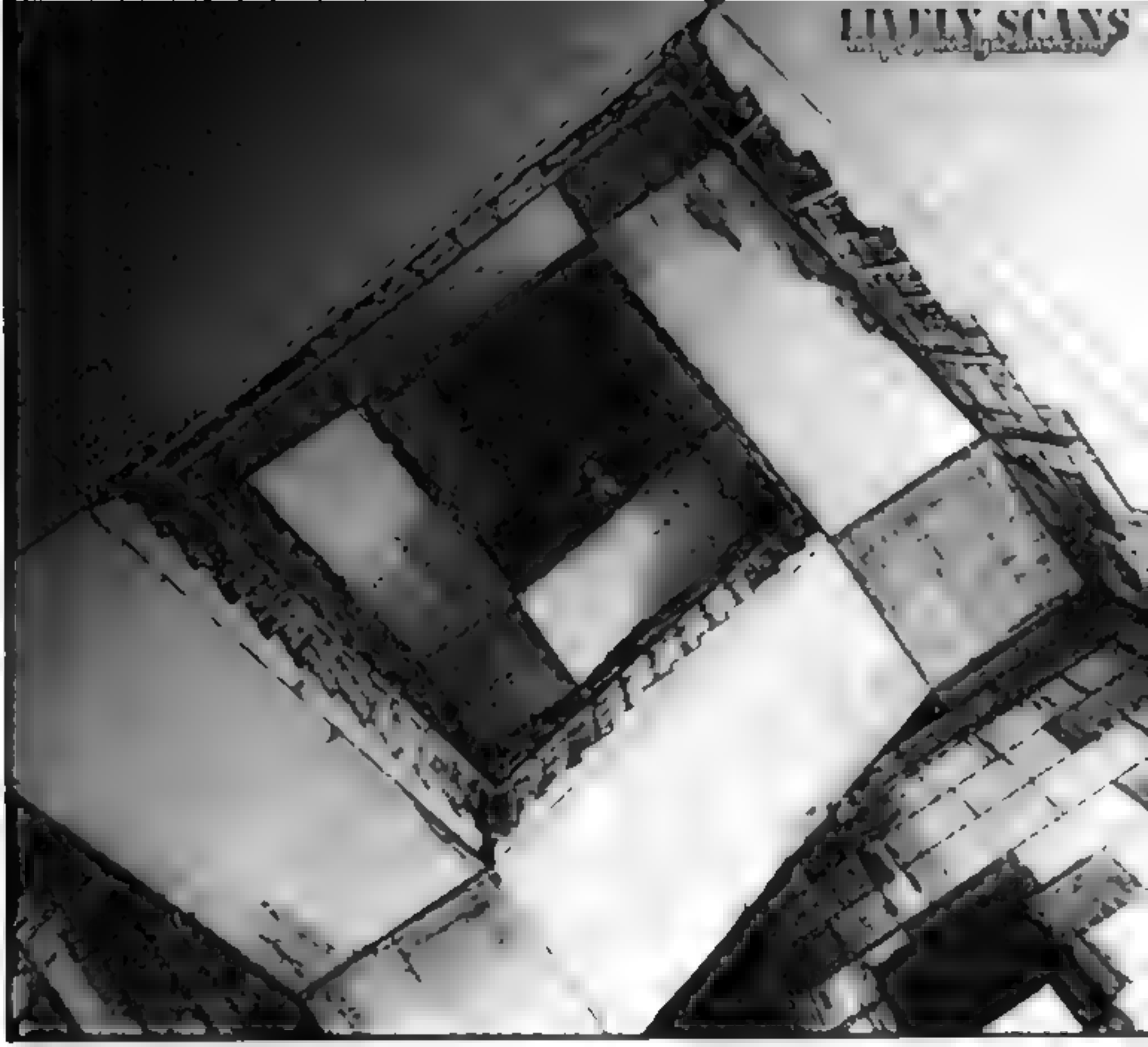


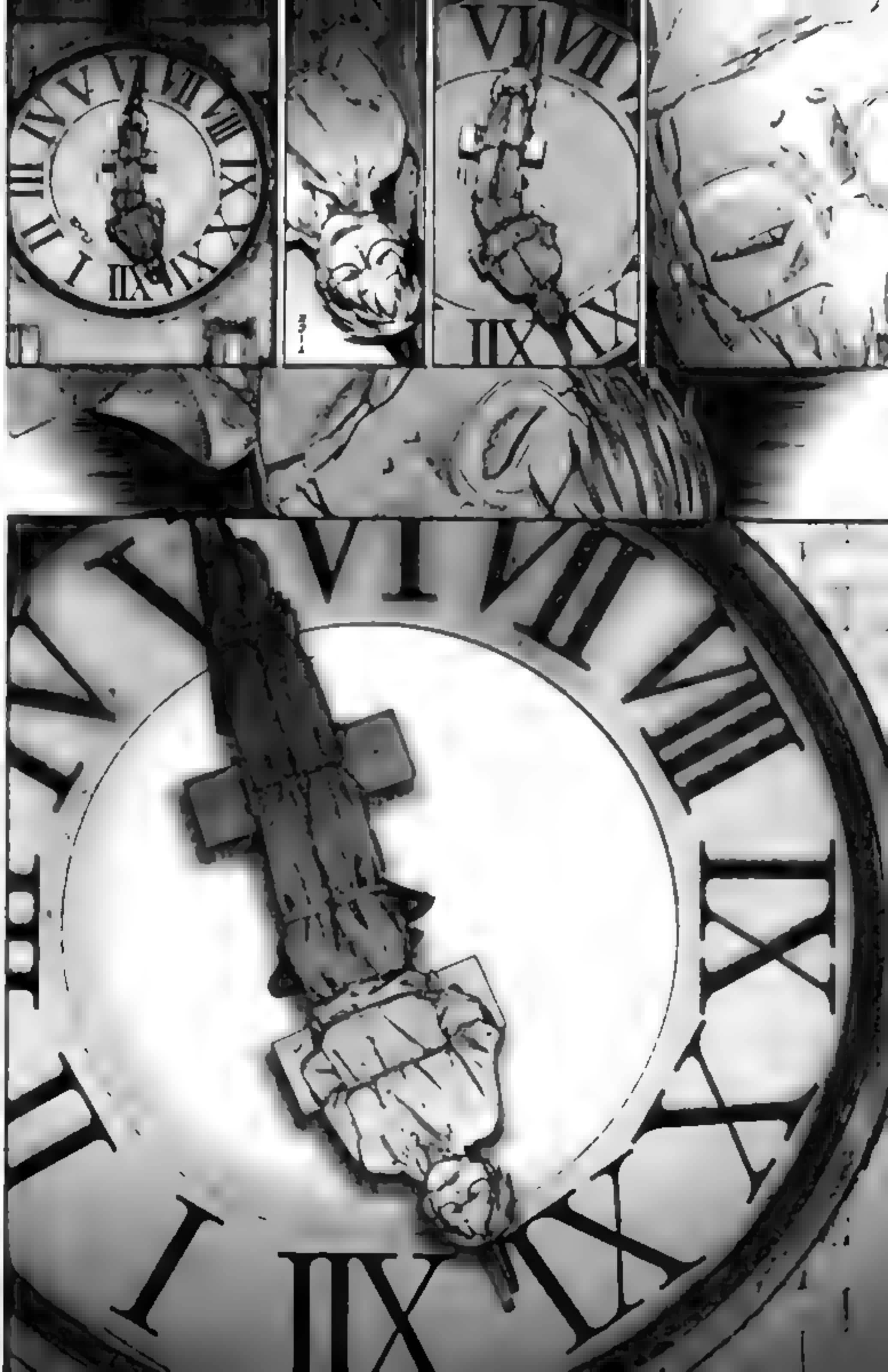
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS GHOSTS...

I'M JUST SEEING THINGS,

HOW DO YOU MAKE IT MOVE? THIS CLOCK TOWER ...

IS REALLY COMPLI-CATED

THE GEAR,



IT HURTS ...

.....!!

THE CLOCK TOWER ...?

.....

JUST WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED. ...

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

I'M ALL TIED UP!

...

BUT WHY?

JUST LIKE THE MURDERED OLD LADY...!!

CLICK

.....
IT HURTS!!
.....
WHY ME
...!!
IT HURTS...
HURTS...

IT HURTS !!

WHY!

I'LL DIE! WHEN MY BACK BREAKS I'LL DIE!!

I'LL BE MURD-ERED!!

IT HURTS!!
.....
I'LL BREAK!!

IT'S NO USE...

TICK

TICK

TICK

TICK

TICK

I'LL DIE!

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YOU SAID YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING.

IF YOU WERE TO JOIN ME,

MONEY, STATUS, WOMEN, YOU'LL GET EVERY-THING. SO WHAT DO YOU SAY?

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I'LL LET YOU DOWN THE SAME WAY.

THE CRIME FROM 2 YEARS AGO WAS DONE USING THE SAME TRICK.

THEN YOU GOT PULLED UP BY THE POWER OF THE CLOCK'S MECHANISM.

THE PERPETRATOR PULLED THE ROPE THROUGH THE CLOCKS HAND AND TIED IT TO YOUR BODY.

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I-I WAS ABOUT TO GET MURDERED!!

I ALMOST DIED HERE!!

CALL THE POLICE!!

HURRY AND CALL THE POLICE!!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!

I WAS ABOUT TO BE KILLED, THE MURDERER MIGHT STILL BE AROUND HERE SOME-WHERE!!

I'D RATHER NOT INVOLVE THE POLICE IF POSSIBLE

THEN,

SHOULD I JUST HAVE YOU GO THERE LIKE THIS?

HEY! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS!?

STOP IT!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHY!?

WHA-

EH?

WELL I'M GOING TO EXPOSE YOUR LOWER HALF.

SAYING SOMETHING LIKE-

DON'T WORRY, I'LL NOTIFY THE POLICE,

"AFTER I YELLED OUT HIS BUDDIES ESCAPED BUT ONE'S STILL THERE, INDULGING IN SOME SORT OF BIZARRE PLEASURE WITH-OUT ANY PANTS ON"

"HELLO, THERE'S A PERVERT AT THE GHOST TOWER WHERE A MURDER HAPPENED IN THE PAST"

"SEEKING THE BIZARRE" "TRUE CRIME STORIES" "LIGHT AND DARKNESS" "SEX GARDEN" "LIEBE" "WHO-DUNIT" "THE SHINSOU STO-RIES"

ISN'T YOUR ROOM FULL OF KASU-TORI MAGA-ZINES?

SINCE YOU BOUGHT SUCH BOOKS, YOU MUST BE IN-TERESTED IN THE BIZARRE AM I RIGHT?

REALLY?

THAT'S MEAN, I'M NOT SUCH A PERVERT!!

AH? OR AM I WRONG?

IF YOU LOOK AT IT...

IT'S EXACTLY AS THIS PERSON SAYS.

REALLY SUCH A PERVERT?

A-AM AM I

NO,

I AM.

ARE YOU A CRIMI-NAL?

SINCE YOU SEEM TO BE AFRAID OF THE POLICE-

JUST SOMEONE WHO MADE THE CLOCK MOVE BACK IN ORDER TO SAVE YOU, BUT-

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I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW.

THAT I CAN OPERATE THIS CLOCK-TOWER.

BECAUSE THE MUD-DERED OLD LADY AND HER ADOPTIVE DAUGH-TER ERA

ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE BELIEVED TO KNOW HOW TO OPERATE THE CLOCK TOWER

SEVERAL WEEKS LATER HER BODY WAS DISCO-VERED IN A HARBOR IN KOBE

EIGHT AFTER THE INCIDENT, ERA CONFESSED TO THE POLICE THAT SHE WAS THE ONE WHO COMMITTED THE CRIME.

WHICH MEANS,

THEY'LL KEEP INTERRO-GATING ME ABOUT THE MURDER FOR SURE.

EVEN IF I SAY I RESEAR-CHED FOR SEVERAL YEARS UNTIL I FIGURED IT OUT, THE POLICE MIGHT NOT BELIEVE ME.

IT'S WEIRD FOR ME TO KNOW HOW TO OPERATE THE CLOCK-TOWER.

CONSIDE-RING THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING YOU PER-FORM IN MY PLAY.

I ALSO SAVED YOU,

BECAUSE THAT WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO COME NEAR THIS GHOST TOWER.

BUT IT WOULD BE REALLY TROUBLESOME FOR ME IF I WERE MARKED BY THE POLICE RIGHT NOW.

I DON'T THINK I'LL GET ARRESTED,

A STRONG CLOCK HAND THAT CAN LIFT A PERSON.

AND A GREAT OUTPUT POWER.

WHY ARE YOU SO FIXATED ON THIS TOWER?

THERE MUST BE SOME-THING HERE.

WHY?

DO YOU THINK SOMEONE WOULD ACTUALLY PUT SO MUCH EFFORT INTO MAKING A MERE CLOCK?

THIS ISN'T A CLOCK-TOWER.

THIS TOWER,

IS A GIANT SAFE.

IT'S A GATE-KEEPER.

TO A TREASURE WORTH SEVERAL BILLIONS.

I'M GLAD YOU HAD A CHANGE OF HEART.

OF COURSE.

IS THE STORY ABOUT THE TREASURE REAL?

I DON'T KNOW, ASK THE KILLER.

BUT WHY WOULD HE WANT TO KILL ME?

AND I THINK THAT THE PERSON WHO TRIED TO KILL YOU,

IS ALSO SOMEONE LOOKING TO OPEN THE SAFE, AND OBTAIN THE TREASURE.

WROOM

PUT YOUR JACKET ON THE SEAT AND SIT ON IT MR. PISS-PANTS.

THIS CAR IS A RENTAL SO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T DIRTY IT.

SEVERAL BILLIONS HUH....

.....

IF I PRESUME THAT MIMURA'S SALARY IS 10.000 YEN,

THAT WOULD MAKE IT APPROXIMATELY 10 MILLION TIMES MORE

EVEN IF I GET JUST 10% OF IT, I CAN PLAY AROUND WITHOUT HAVING TO WORK FOR MY ENTIRE LIFE...

.....!!

NO!

I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE THEM DO ANYTHING I WANT...

WHY ...

. . . .

WHY ARE YOU LETTING ME IN ON THIS...?

IT'S BECAUSE I'M NOW SURE THAT I HAVE "ENEMIES" ON THIS TREASURE HUNT,

SO HAVING AN ALLY IS NECESSARY.

AND SINCE YOU ALMOST GOT KILLED BY THIS "ENEMY",

I CAN BE SURE THAT YOU AREN'T ONE OF THEM.

I SEE.

. . . .

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PARTNER.

...

WITH THAT, THERE'S NO NEED TO FUSS OVER ANYTHING RIGHT?

EVEN IF WE SPLIT THE MONEY SO SO IT'S STILL A LARGE SUM

LET'S

BECOME RICH TOGETHER

OK?

I'M AMANO TAICHI,

JUST TAICHI IS OK.

MY NAME IS SAWAMURA TETSUO.

YOU CAN JUST CALL ME TETSUO.

THIS FEELS GREAT.

.....

JUST BE-CAUSE OF THIS TREA-SURE STORY ....

AND IT'S NOT.

ON TOP OF THAT HE'S REALLY SMART AND HAS A GREAT ATTITUDE.

ANYONE CAN SEE HE HAS A GREAT FACE AND FIGURE.

AND HE EVEN CAL-LED ME HIS PARTNER-

EVEN FROM MY POINT OF VIEW HE'S A FASCINATING GUY,

IT'S FRUS-TRATING, BUT HE'S SO AMAZING HE EVEN MADE MY MADONNA HANASONO-SAN BLUSH.

18 * KAYAMA SHIGERU WAS A NOVELIST WHO LATER BECAME FAMOUS FOR HIS FILM GODZILA.

MY SELF ESTEEM, IS GROWING!!

BUT I ALSO LIKE KAYAMA SHIGERU'S WORKS.

I KNOW I DIDN'T MENTION IT BEFORE,

YEAH.

SO I MAKE A TURN AT THIS COR-NER?

CAN I REALLY RISK SOMETHING SO DANGEROUS HAPPENING AGAIN...?

SOMEONE MIGHT TARGET ME AGAIN...

THOUGH IF I CONTINUE WITH THE TREASURE HUNT,

IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO JUST ASK THE POLICE FOR HELP.

IN THE END,

STOP

COULD IT BE I'VE LOST ALL MY COURAGE TO GO OUT BECAUSE I'VE KEPT LIVING SECLUDED IN THAT SECURE ROOM OF MINE FOR SO LONG...?

SINCE IT'S ME,

IT'S TERRIBLE, EVERY-THING BURNED TO THE GROUND.

WHAT-EVER AM I GOING TO DO NOW.

YOU FINALLY CAME BACK.

AH, AMANO-SAN.

HAS BURNT DOWN?

EVERYTHING ...

click

AM I SUPPOSED TO GO NOW...

WHERE...

I FEEL REFRESHED, I CHANGED THE WATER FOR YOU.

I'M REALLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THIS...

ERM ...

SO JUST STAY HERE FOR THE TIME BEING.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED SINCE IT GOT BURNED DOWN.

TUCK

I WON-DER IF THAT'S REALLY ALL RIGHT...

YOU'RE ALREADY RICH AS IT IS?

COULD IT BE,

YOU...

PERSONALLY I'M BROKE.

I DIDN'T RENT IT WITH MY OWN MONEY.

WELL, I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT LATER.

I'LL GO TAKE A BATH.

YOU CAN USE THE SOFA OVER THERE.

I'LL FOLLOW YOU!

TET-SUO!

I EVEN LOST ALL MY PICTURES.

BOOKS,

DIARIES,

SO I'LL BET EVERYTHING I HAVE ON YOU.

DID YOU HEAR ME? TETSUO!!

TEE-HEE-HEE-HEE—

TEE-HEE—

I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF A BETTER NAME.

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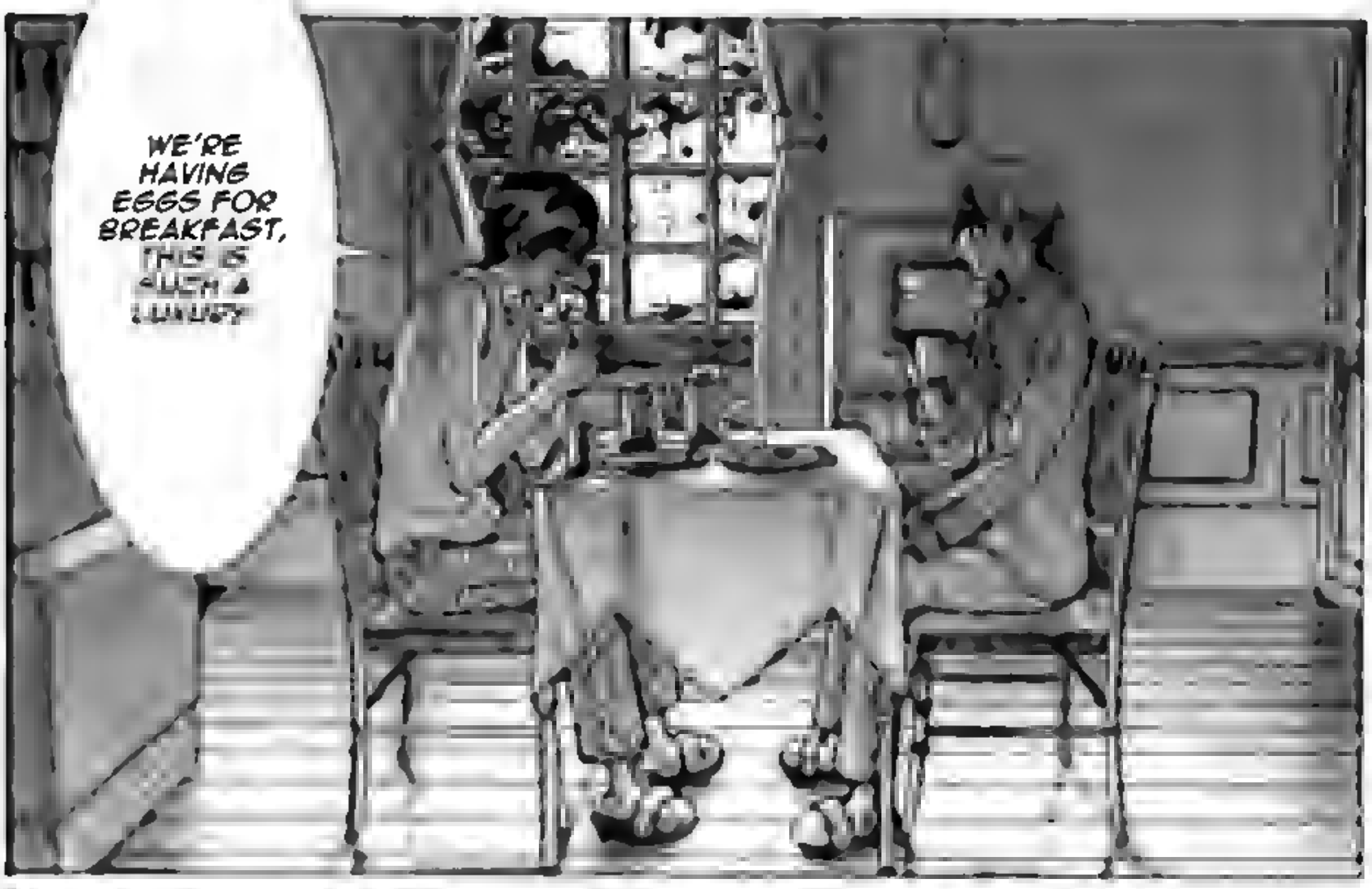
CHAPTER 3: FRIENDS


WE'RE HAVING EGGS FOR BREAKFAST, THIS IS SUCH A LUXURY

AMANO-KUN!
HEY, YOU SHOULD AT LEAST WASH YOUR FACE.

IF IT BECOMES INHABITED WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SNEAK INTO THE TOWER AND INVESTIGATE AS WE DID UNTIL NOW.

APPARENTLY A GUY CALLED MARUBE BOUGHT THE GHOST TOWER LAST WEEK.

ABOUT THE TREASURE HUNT,

YES!

YOU'RE RIGHT.

YESTERDAY YOU APPLIED FOR THE POSITION OF A CARETAKER FOR THE GHOST TOWER RIGHT?

AND HERE IS WHERE I NEED YOUR HELP.

SO I'LL BE A SPY...

I GOT ATTACKED BECAUSE I GOT MISTAKEN FOR YOU?

COULD IT BE,

BUT WON'T THAT BE DANGEROUS?

I DIDN'T THINK OF THIS YESTERDAY BUT,

AND THOUGHT THAT I'M THAT SOMEONE.

THIS "ENEMY" MIGHT HAVE NOTICED THAT SOMEONE ELSE IS ALSO INVESTIGATING THE GHOST TOWER.

IF HE'LL SEE ME LOITERING AROUND THE TOWER, WON'T HE'LL KILL ME FOR SURE THIS TIME!?

THEN THERE'S A GREAT CHANCE I'LL GET ATTACKED AGAIN!

MIGHT BE.

LISTEN,

DON'T YOU THINK THINGS WILL GET EVEN MORE DANGEROUS?

IF HE WERE TO ALSO SEE ME,

AMANO-KUN.

BUT THE GUY WHO OPERATED THE CLOCK IN ORDER TO SAVE YOU, IN OTHER WORDS ME.

THE ONE THIS "ENEMY" WANTS TO KILL MOST RIGHT NOW ISN'T YOU,

SURE HAS A WAY WITH WORDS...

...HE

...YEAH...

BECAUSE IF HE KILLS YOU HE'LL CUT THE ONLY THREAD LEADING TO ME.

SO THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL TRY TO KILL YOU UNTIL HE FINDS OUT MY IDENTITY.

YES.

HELLO?

YES.

RRIIING

RRIIING

EH?

MIMURA ?

AMANO-SAMA,

YOU HAVE A CALL FROM MIMURA-SAMA.

HE REALLY CALLED THE NUMBER TETSUO GAVE HIM.

HELLO ?

THIS GUY ...

YOU'LL HAVE TO INTRODUCE HER TO ME NEXT TIME.

O-OF-COURSE IT IS.

THEN IS THE PART ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE ALSO TRUE?

AND I WAS SO CONVINCED THAT THE STORY ABOUT YOU INHERITING SOME MONEY WAS A LIE.

WELL, WELL, YOU REALLY WERE AVAIL-ABLE AT THIS PHONE NUMBER.

IT'S SO OBVIOUS HE DOESN'T BELIEVE ME.

SURE ...

DAMN IT...

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WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO GET YOU A WEDDING PRESENT?

YOU WILL GET MARRIED TO HANAZONO-SAN RIGHT.

AND HE'S AMUSED BY SEEING ME CLING TO THAT LIE...!

IF YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN SEARCHING FOR THE TREASURE,

I CAN ALWAYS TAKE YOU BACK TO YOUR APARTMENT.

YES, A DIAMOND CROWN WOULD BE NICE!! MR. BILLIONAIRE, HAHAHA.

I'LL MAKE SURE TO GET YOU ONE

SOUNDS GOOD

NYAHA HAHA

WHAT IS IT?

OK.?

I HAVE ONE CONDITION.

THIS IS CURRENTLY MY BEST OPTION.

AND SINCE I EVEN GET ROOM HERE.

I DON'T HAVE ANY PLACE TO GO BACK TO.

I DON'T COMPLETELY BELIEVE THIS WHOLE TERA-SUDE STORY BUT.

SUDE, AS YOU WISH.

THE NEXT TIME MIMURA CALLS, I WANT YOU TO TAKE CARE OF IT...

I'M SO GLAD.

I THOUGHT I FINALLY FOUND A FRIEND WHO HAS THE SAME INTERESTS AS ME,

AND JUST THINKING OF HAVING TO PART WAYS NOW MADE MY HEART BEAT REALLY FAST.

WHA ...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING.

SINCE YOU'RE SO COOL ...

UNLIKE ME YOU MUST HAVE A BUNCH OF FRIENDS RIGHT?

DO I LOOK LIKE IT?

SURE!

I SEEM TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT I'LL BE OK, EVEN WITHOUT HAVING ANYONE BY MY SIDE.

A LOT OF PEOPLE GATHER AROUND ME BUT FOR SOME REASON THEY ALL END UP LEAVING.

I SEE-

IS THAT REALLY HOW IT IS...?

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IF IT'S YOU, I'M SURE IT'LL TURN OUT JUST FINE.

BUT, I FINALLY MANAGED TO FIND SOMEONE WITH SIMILAR TASTES.

I SEE.

AH, I DON'T MIND.

THIS IS THE ONLY WORK OF KAYAMA SHIGERU I HAVEN'T READ YET.

I'M SORRY BUT I'LL GO AND READ THIS AHEAD OF YOU.

"GOD-ZILLA"

I SEE...

WHAT MOVIE?

IT LOOKS LIKE A MOVIE WAS MADE AFTER ONE OF KAYAMA SHIGERU'S WORKS.

DO YOU WANT TO GO SEE IT TOGETHER?

WE TALKED ABOUT RAMPO,

YOKOMIZO SEISHI, KOUGA SABUROU, AND OTHER CRIMINAL NOVELISTS. IT WAS MY FIRST TIME TALKING SO MUCH ABOUT THIS WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

KOZAKAI FUBOKU, OGURI MUSHITAROU,

HE REALLY LOVES THEM...

I SEE.

A LOT OF BRITAIN-AMERICAN CRIMINAL NOVELS ARE BEING TRANSLATED IN ITALIA.

GIALLO MEANS YELLOW.

THEY'RE CALLED GIALLO.

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT A COOL PERSON COULD NEVER BE INTERESTED IN THE BIZARRE...

UNTIL NOW,

HOW ABOUT I PAY HIM BACK FOR YESTER-DAY.

HEHE HEHE.

I'M THIRSTY.

I'LL GO GET SOME MORE COFFEE.

SINCE WE'RE BOTH GUYS PLAYING THIS SORT OF PRANK SHOULDN'T BE ANYTHING TO GET UPSET ABOUT.

BUT,

I WON-DER...

IF HE'LL GET MAD...

FRIENDS ALWAYS PLAY SUCH TRICKS ON EACH-OTHER.

BESIDES,

I'LL DEEPEN OUR FRIEND-SHIP!

WOSH

DOWN WE GO!

IF I DO THIS,

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WE'RE EVEN WITH THIS

HE HE HE

HAHA HAHA

YOU SURE ARE CARE-LESS TETSUO -KUN!!

HAH AHA

HA ...

HAVE A WE RD HOBBIES LIKE THAT...

STOP IT WITH THE WEIRD PRANKS.

MESS EVERYTHING UP LIKE THIS...

I AL-WAYS -

I ALWAYS END UP RUINING ALL FRIENDLY RELATION-SHIPS.

WITHOUT GRASPING THE DISTANCE BETWEEN FRIENDS,

AT BREAKING FRIENDSHIPS IN AN INSTANT.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN A BIT UNPLEASANT ...

WHAT I DID JUST NOW,

I'M SOR-RY.

I KNEW IT,

...I'M A MASTER,

YOUR LOVE FOR THE BIZARRE WELL.

I UNDER-STAND,

...I'M GLAD.

YES!

AREN'T YOU ALSO,

INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF THE GHOST TOWER?

WAS BUILT BY IHYOUE ECHIGOYA AT THE END OF THE EDO PERIOD.

YOU SEE, THE GHOST TOWER -

BURIED ALIVE?

HE GOT,

BUT THEN AN ACCIDENT HAPPENED AND HE GOT TRAPPED INSIDE.

IT LOOKS LIKE HE HID AN ENORMOUS TREASURE IN AN UNDERGROUND MAZE BENEATH THE TOWER...

...

THAT HIS SMALL VOICE WAS HEARD ECHOING OUTSIDE THE TOWER.

DIDN'T ANYONE HELP HIM?

ALL HIS DESCENDANTS WHO TRIED TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THE MONEY, ENDED UP DYING ONE AFTER THE OTHER IN UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.

AND THAT'S NOT ALL,

HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNEW HOW TO OPEN THE DOOR TO THE MAZE.

SO NO ONE WAS ABLE TO SAVE HIM.

AND THEIR BLOOD LINE ENDED IN THE KOBE AIR RAID.

SOUNDS LIKE A CURSE.

. . . .

THE WOMAN WHO GOT THE ESTATE AFTERWARDS, GOT MURDERED BY HER ADOPTIVE DAUGHTER,

AND THAT DAUGHTER WAS FOUND DROWNED.

YOU SEEM KIND OF PALE.

I THOUGHT YOU'D FIND THIS STORY AMUSING AND LAUGH ABOUT IT BUT,

THE WHITE FIGURE,

THAT ATTACKED ME BACK THEN WAS-

THERE'S NO WAY A GHOST CAN TIE UP A PERSON.

PROBABLY A REAL GHOST ...

BUT,

...

THERE WAS NO REASON TO TIE ME UP TO THE TOWER!

IF IT WANTED TO KILL ME IT COULD'VE DONE IT MUCH EASIER.

THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT THE MURDERER WAS SOMEONE INFLUENCED BY KASUTORI MAGAZINES.

IF NOT,

I WONDER ...

THEN THERE WAS PROBABLY A REASON,

FOR TYING YOU THERE.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU LOOK BAD.

ERM...

I HEARD IT.

I GOT REJEC-TED?

HE!?

WE'RE LEAVING.

HOP IN.

THIS IS?

THE HOUSE OF THE PERSON WHO BOUGHT THE GHOST TOWER.

WE'LL GET CLOSE TO THE PERSON WHO BOUGHT IT.

IF WE CAN'T GET CLOSE TO THE GHOST TOWER,

AND WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING?

AN EMPLOYEE'S CAR PASSES BY HERE.

EVERY DAY AT THIS TIME IN THE EVENING,

YOU SMELL RATHER NICE WHEN YOU'RE NOT SMOKING...

YOU...

EH?

LISTEN, JUST PRETEND YOU GOT HIT.

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CHAPTER 4 - THE THREATENING MASK

IT'S NO USE!!

OW,OW, OW,OW, OW.

I CAN'T MOVE!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!! I ALMOST DIED!

YOUR LEG?

WHERE DID YOU GET HIT?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?

AMANO -KUN,

IT'S NECESSARY TO SPILL SOME BLOOD IN ORDER TO GET THE TREASURE.

DON'T GET SO MAD.

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